

Accomplishments provided with recreation fees:

Outstanding quality interpretive programs were provided on Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, reached a total of 113,700 visitors in 2013.

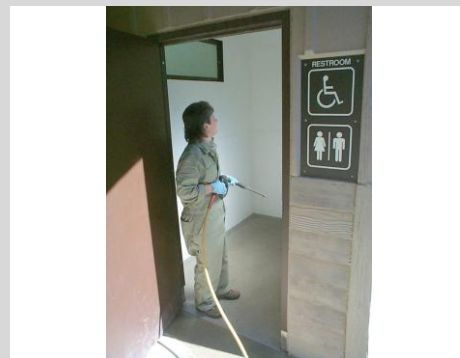
- From mid-May through October Johnston Ridge Observatory interpretive rangers delivered 1690 programs and contacted individual visitors on roving patrols, contacting 81,500 visitors on the Monument's West Side.
- Interpretive rangers delivered 221 programs at Windy Ridge, Miners Car, Meta Lake, and several other interpretive sites on the Monument's East Side, contacting a total of 10,200 visitors.
- On the Monument's South Side interpretive rangers conducted 128 informative Ape Cave tours and roving patrols, contacting an additional 22,000 visitors.
- 8,580 children also benefited from the Mount St. Helens interpretive ranger program, participating in special school programs and junior ranger programs at Johnston Ridge Observatory, Ape Cave, and Trail of Two Forests.
- Permits were issued to over 18,500 climbers hoping to summit Mount St. Helens. Climbing rangers patrolled the mountain June through September, proving safety, Leave No Trace information, weather and climbing route conditions. Monument staff maintained the access road, trails, and facilities to and along climbing route, including Climbers Bivouac.
- Permits were issued to over 6500 Mt. Adams climbers in 2013. Mt. Adams climbing rangers patrolled during the climbing season, contacting over 2000 climbers, assisting search and rescue operations, and performing route maintenance and clean up, including packing out over 240 pounds of garbage off the mountain. An effective waste pack-out system (scat packs) and disposal service is provided to all climbers.

Visitors gather to hear a ranger talk on the plaza at Johnston Ridge Observatory to learn about the mountain's eruption.



Special Feature

In 2013, Mount St. Helens District added Sunset Falls Campground to Recreation.gov, the National Recreation Reservation System. Reservable campsites were a huge success and many new visitors camped at the site after discovering the campground on the Recreation.gov website. Campground staff reported that the reservation system

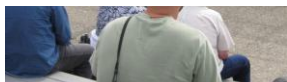


Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,330
Recreation Fees	\$8,475
Special Uses	\$54,736
Total	\$64,541

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$12,952
Visitor Services	\$24,624
Law Enforcement	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$2,413
Total	\$39,989

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Visitors to the Monument's East Side enjoy Ranger Andrew's talk about Mount St. Helen's and Spirit Lake.



Additional Accomplishments

- Lower Falls and Sunset Falls campgrounds received major facelifts, with 10 picnic tables, 10 bulletin boards, and 8 toilets repaired and repainted, 18 tent pads rebuilt and releveled, and 3 site markers installed. Campground hosts greeted and assisted campers all summer.
- Improvements at Goose Lake, Ice Cave, and Lower Falls day use sites, and Thomas Lake, Indian Heaven, Whistle Punk trailheads included 2 new bulletin boards, 2 freshly painted toilets, repaired and repainted picnic tables, 1000 feet of new split-rail safety fencing installed, and repaired pathways at waterfall viewing sites.
- Government Mineral Springs Cabin was available year-round for rental, sporting 2 new futon couches, new bunk bed mattresses, 2 repaired windows, and a freshly graded and graveled driveway.
- Over 600 families took advantage of the Christmas Tree Tag program, venturing onto the forest to find that perfect tree for the holidays.
- Processed and administered 111 outfitter/guide and recreation event permits.



Government Mineral Springs bunk beds were improved with new mattresses in 2013.

Ranger Joy is ready to lead visitors on a lantern tour of Ape Cave's underground wonders.



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